

# Izaak Walton Rifle/Pistol Range Rules

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## OVERVIEW

The Izaak Walton League (IKES) rules and procedures were created to operate and manage the rifle and pistol ranges in a safe manner and are for the benefit of the shooting members and residential neighborhoods near the Izaak Walton League. Sections of these range rules and procedures may be deleted, added to or amended at any time as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Change notices will be published in the Chapter Newsletter and on range bulletin boards.

An on-site orientation will be required for all new members prior to any range use. By the member completing the range orientation and/or renewing their membership, the member indicates acceptance of, and compliance with, all range rules and procedures.

Updates to these range rules may occur at any time. A current copy of these rules can be found on the Izaak Walton League of Lincoln Nebraska, website: [www.lincolnikes.com](http://www.lincolnikes.com).

Always check the website's calendar or newsletter for Calendar of Events and range availability information.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Rifle & Pistol Committee as well as the Rules & Safety Committee for their efforts in assembling these rules and developing a format that is both easy to use and informative. Please take the time to review this copy as some changes have been made. This revised version supersedes all older versions.

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## RANGE ENTRY

No person shall use any of the Izaak Walton League's ranges while consuming or impaired by alcohol or any chemical substance. Alcohol may be consumed in the clubhouse, or on the clubhouse grounds (in other specifically designated areas) only if it is provided from the clubhouse bar and **AFTER** shooting for the day.

## MEMBERS

Entry to the range is through the electronically controlled gate by the clubhouse. Your gate card, when activated, will open the gate when the card is placed near the card reader. Card readers are located on both sides of the gate on the left side of the roadway.

Your card will work as long as your Lincoln Izaak Walton League membership dues are paid up to date and you are in good standing with the Izaak Walton League. If your dues become delinquent, your gate card will be deactivated. When payment is received, your gate card will be reactivated.

## GUESTS

Sponsoring members are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow all range rules and procedures, and **MUST** remain on the firing line with their guests at all times. Adults purchasing a guest pass are invited to use our ranges when accompanied by a member with a valid range card. Guest passes cost \$10 for each guest and are valid for the date of purchase only. **Must be purchased before proceeding to the range(s). Any member that is caught on the range with an unpaid guest or guests will be required to pay a \$50 fine plus the \$10 guest pass fee per guest (total fine is \$60/unpaid guest).**

Student members are allowed to sponsor one guest only per visit.

### A Guest Pass is required for:

- Shooters 19 years old or older. Passes are in the sign-in box near the gate on the Southeast corner of the club house.
- Parents of youth guests if they will be shooting.

### No Guest Pass is required for:

- Card holder's spouse.
- Card holder's children under 26 years of age.
- Observers of any age.
- Up to two non-family guests under 19 years of age.
- Parents of the youth guest if they will not be shooting (Parents of youth guests are always encouraged to come to the range).

NOTE: A guest who becomes a member within 30 days of purchasing a guest pass may apply the cost of the pass, not to exceed \$40 toward the purchase of a current year's Rifle/Pistol Card upon presentation of the used passes.

## RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE CARDS

A Rifle/Pistol card may be purchased by an adult, 19 years of age or older, with a current chapter membership. The signature of the member appearing on the rifle/pistol card indicates acceptance of all Izaak Walton League range rules and procedures. *A member may NOT loan their range card and/or gate key to anyone. This violation is grounds for dismissal.*

## DISPLAY OF RANGE CARD

A shooter's Rifle/Pistol Card must be displayed openly while on the firing line via one of the following:

- in a clear card holder attached to a lanyard around the card holder's neck
- at the firing station using the clip provided
- pinned on the outside of coat
- pinned on a hat
- pinned on a range bag

Any member or Range Safety Officer can request to see a range card from anyone shooting on the line. All members are required to present their card for inspection when requested.

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## **LOST OR ABANDONED RANGE CARDS**

If a Range Card is discovered to be left or found on the range, please place it in the Guest Pass box at the southeast corner of the clubhouse.

## **RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS**

The Range Safety Officer (RSO) is the chapter official on the firing line. Their primary purpose is to ensure that all range safety rules and procedures are followed so shooters can enjoy using their firearms in a safe and friendly environment. An RSO has the responsibility to take action when circumstances require it. Therefore, commands issued by a RSO must be obeyed *immediately* and *without question*. Failure to comply with an RSO command may result in a reprimand or dismissal from the range.

A Range Safety Officer is normally only on the line during scheduled matches or other shooting events involving non-members.

### **Definitions**

Range Officer — any member who is on the firing line.

Range Safety Officer — any member who has been certified by taking the NRA Range Safety Officer course and/or appointed by the Board of Directors.

## **CORRECTING RANGE RULES VIOLATIONS**

When a Range Safety Officer is not on duty, every IKES member using the range has a responsibility to monitor shooting activities of others and also has the authority to call a "CEASE FIRE" to correct an unsafe situation. If you observe activity contrary to the rules, please (tactfully) inform the offending person and request that they correct the situation. If the member is unwilling to correct behavior or if you suspect a non-member has come onto the property, do not be confrontational, but do advise a member of the Board of Directors or the manager "Who, What, When, and Where" the problem occurred. If the person's name is unknown, please get a license plate number and report it.

Any member who is unable or unwilling to follow the rules and procedures will be asked to appear before the Board of Directors to explain their actions and may be subject to the revocation of their range privileges.

*While your right to own a firearm may be protected by the Bill of Rights, the privilege of having a safe place to shoot is not. Do not take either one for granted, and please do your part to protect both.*

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## BASIC RANGE COMMANDS

Below are the basic commands you will hear and how you should respond to them. These are the same commands all members should know and use when an RSO is not present on the firing line:

When the command "**CEASE FIRE**" is given:

- *Stop shooting immediately.*
- Remove your finger from the trigger.
- Keep the gun pointed down range in a safe direction.
- Wait for further instructions from the Range Officer who called for a cease fire.
- Anyone can call a "Cease Fire" on the range.

When the command "**CLEAR**" is given:

- All firearms must be unloaded and racked or grounded, with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, with the action open, ejection port or cylinder up, and magazine removed or placed on vertical rack.
- Everyone must step back from the firing line.
- No firearms may be brought to the firing line or handled while the line is under a "CEASE FIRE" or "CLEAR".

When the command "**RANGE IS COLD**" is given:

- There is no shooting.
- All firearms should have been cleared; magazines removed, actions open or made safe and racked or grounded.

When the command "**IS THE LINE READY?**" is given:

- Ensure eye and ear protection are installed.
- Any shooter who is not ready, or whose target is not ready, should raise their arm and call "Not ready on target number X."

When the command "**RANGE IS HOT**" is given:

- Firearms may be handled and loaded.
- Shooting may begin.
- No persons may be in front of firing line at this time.

## Procedures for Changing Targets

1. *After a period of fire of approximately 15 minutes or longer, if any shooter needs to change targets, a cease fire must be called and agreed to by all on the shooting line.*
2. After the "Cease Fire" command, the "Range is Clear" command is given to indicate that all firearms are unloaded, actions open, and removed from the firing line.
3. Once the line is safe, the range is designated as "cold" and shooters must turn on the flashing light and walk down approved paths to the target backer to retrieve targets.
4. Once all shooters are safely back behind the shooting line and the orange light is turned off, the "Range is Hot" command will be given to indicate it is safe to handle firearms, load, and shoot.

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## GENERAL RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES

### Hours of Operation

For all recreational shooting, the hours of operation are:

- Open at Sunrise, no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
- Close at Sunset.

### Range Availability

Some ranges will be shut down periodically for scheduled competitions or maintenance. Most of these events are scheduled well in advance, but unanticipated events may occur on short notice. Check the calendar posted on the website [www.lincolnikes.com](http://www.lincolnikes.com) or in the member's current newsletter. If unable to access the internet, call the Manager at 402.474.6555.

### Personal Protection

- Eye and hearing protection on the firing line is required at all times. Prescription glasses are adequate.
- When the firing line is active, eye and hearing protection should be worn before leaving your car.
- Every shooter is encouraged to learn and use all basic range commands. See "Basic Range Commands", section page 4.
- Before anyone goes down range:
  - All long guns must be unloaded with actions open (where possible) and placed in racks provided
  - All handguns must be unloaded and left alone on bench
  - No firearms may be touched by anyone during this time

### Targets

#### Club Backer Boards:

- All targets attached to the backer board must be 18" or less in height.
- All targets must be placed so that all shots impact the backstop between the wooden 2x4 frames holding the backers.
- Do not intentionally shoot at the target frames or posts.
- Staple targets onto the target backers, not on the posts or frames.
- Targets are to be removed from the target frame upon completion of shooting.

#### Member Backer Boards:

- Members may use the target backers provided by the club or bring their own. If a member desires to use their own target frame, they must remove the club provided frame and lay it flat on the ground. The shooter provided frame must be set up on the same target line. The shooter must ensure that the bullet impacts the berm and does not skip off the ground or leave the range. When the shooter is done, they must reinstall the club provided target frame.
- Member target frames **are not allowed at intermediate distances** on any range.
- Top-mounted hanging pendulum swinging targets are allowed for .22 caliber rimfire cartridges only. These targets must be placed immediately in front of the berm. The metal targets must be of a design that directs the bullet into the ground and not upwards or sideways, and they must be top mounted. The target must be set high enough that low misses will not skip off the ground.
- All target stands must be approved by a Board Member or the manager prior to use.

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## Controlled fire:

All shots must be fired in a controlled manner and must impact the target backer in a location that does not damage the frame. Extended rapid fire is not allowed. Double taps are allowed provided the shooter maintains control of the gun and all the shots impact the target backer. All other rapid fire must have a recognizable, clear and distinct pause between shots. Shooters taking part in organized competitions may engage in extended rapid fire under the supervision of a Range Safety Officer. Damage to League equipment due to uncontrolled fire may result in the shooter being assessed repair fees and/or any other disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Rules & Safety Committee and the Board of Directors.

## **General Firearm Safety Rules**

- *Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.*
- *Always* keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- *Always* keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
- *Always* keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

## **Prohibited Items**

- No exploding or incendiary targets allowed.
- No tracer rounds or any other ammo which involves fire or flames allowed.
- No fully automatic firearms of any kind.
- No mechanical additions, accessories, or modifications to any type of firearm that would increase the gun's cyclic rate of fire. THIS MEANS: no "bump stocks", no "trigger cranks", no "Echo triggers" or any other device of any kind that would allow multi-burst or simulated fully automatic fire.
- No cartridge that propels a bullet of 300 gr or heavier at over 3000 fps (including but not limited to: .50 cal. BMG. .406 Cheytac, .416 Barrett)
- No cans, bottles or non-paper items allowed as targets.
- No metal swinging targets that direct the bullet up or away from the berm (only top mounted swingers that hang down).
- No fixed fall-back metal plates

## **Firearms**

### All firearms:

- Loaded firearms cannot be carried on any range or travel areas, with the following exceptions.
- Concealed Carry Permit holders may carry on the property, but the gun must be concealed at all times.
- Firearms are loaded ONLY when they are on the line. They must be cleared and unloaded before they are removed from the line.
- The use of holstered firearms is only permitted when at the firing line when ready to practice draw and fire techniques. Only forward draw holsters may be used. Behind the back and cross draw requires drawing across the firing line on either side of the shooter and is unsafe and prohibited.

### Shotguns & Black Powder:

- Shotgun slugs and black powder muzzle loading rifles may be used on either Range 1 (25-50-75-yard range) or Range 2 (100-yard range), or Range 4 (Only open for scheduled shooting events and practices supervised by an IKES Range Safety Officer and special rules apply. See RIFLE/HANDGUN - RANGE 4 RULES).
- Shotgun shot shell patterning allowed only at the Tactical Patterning Board Station on the south side of Rifle Range 1 (see rules on pages 7-8).

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## Shooting

- Shoot only from the firing line, not in front of or behind.
- Shooters must use proper shooting etiquette at all times.
- **Do not** dig bullets out of the berms because it creates erosion & excessive damage to the berm.
- Shooters are accountable for every bullet fired downrange. Bullets absolutely must never leave the range under any circumstances.
- Shooting with artificial light is prohibited on the rifle and pistol ranges.
- All guns not on the firing line must remain pointed in a safe direction if out of the case or the case is opened. Please place long guns in the racks provided to keep the muzzles pointed safely upwards. At the pistol range, uncased firearms must be on the bench at the firing line only, and with muzzles pointed safely downrange.

## Station Cleanup – Please Clean Up After Yourself

Shooters must remove all of their brass from the range prior to leaving. If a shooter does not want their brass, it should be deposited into the Brass Bucket on each range. Brooms and dustpans are provided to clean up rim fire ammo, please place in garbage barrels. Please respect this rule.

## Ammunition

All factory, factory remanufactured and hand loaded ammunition may be used on IKES shooting ranges provided:

- All ammunition is within SAAMI or manufacturer's pressure specifications for the cartridge being used.
- Uses a bullet of the correct type and caliber for the barrel as recommended by the firearms manufacturer.
- Does not exceed the firearm manufacturer's maximum load recommendation.
- Subject to any range specific limitations.

Hand loaders whose rounds exceed manufacturer or SAAMI recommendations and that results in a serious malfunction that injures others may be held accountable for those injuries.

## RIFLE RANGE RULES – RANGE 1

### 25, 50 & 75 YARD TARGETS AND TACTICAL SHOTGUN PATTERNING STATION

Available year round for open shooting by members and their guests unless closed for an event or maintenance. Shooting times are from sunrise, no earlier than 7:00 a.m., to sunset.

Only rifles, muzzle loaders, pistols, and shotgun slugs (Shot shells are allowed at the Tactical Shotgun Patterning Board Station Only – see rules below) may be fired on this range.

- Refer to the list of Prohibited Items listed at the bottom of page 6.
- All targets must be posted at the target frame line:
  - Standing shooters must use the lower target frame and be able to shoot under the eyebrow.
- Bench shooters must use the higher target frame.
- Targets must be placed directly in line with each firing point. Firing at an angle across the range (cross firing) is not allowed. **Benches and their respective targets are numbered, use only the target number that matches your bench number.**
- Pendulum targets are allowed only if the target is placed directly in front of the berm and only for .22 rim-fire cartridges. Only top-mounted hanging pendulum swinging targets that hang downward are allowed.

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## ***(25-, 50- & 75-YARD TARGETS AND TACTICAL SHOTGUN PATTERNING STATION continued)***

### **Tactical Shotgun Patterning Board Station**

- Shooting allowed from corresponding lane only
- Only shot shells allowed (No slugs)
  - i. All shotshells are approved for use on the Tactical Patterning Board Station
- Rifle/pistol projectiles prohibited
- All shooting lanes are to be treated as one shooting line on Range 1
- Only paper targets allowed on patterning board
- Targets must be affixed in center of target backer board and not attached to the target backer board's wood frame
- Only one shooter allowed on this lane at a time
- No shot shells may be fired on the 25-, 50-, or 75-yard lanes

## **RIFLE RANGE RULES – RANGE 2**

### **100-YARD RIFLE RANGE**

Open year round for open shooting by members and their guests unless closed for an event or maintenance. Shooting times are from sunrise, no earlier than 7:00 a.m., to sunset.

- Only rifles, muzzle loaders, pistols & shotgun slugs only (no shot shells) may be fired on this range. Refer to list of Prohibited Items listed on page 6.
- Intermediate targets are not allowed. All targets must be posted at the target frame line near the berm.
- Targets must be placed directly in line with each firing point. Firing at an angle across the range (cross firing) is not allowed. Benches and their respective targets are numbered, use only the target number that matches your bench number.
- Pendulum targets are allowed only if the target is placed directly in front of the berm and only for .22 rim-fire cartridges. Only top-mounted hanging pendulum swinging targets that hang downward are allowed.
- All firearms must be properly bore sighted (this can be done at the 25-yard berm on Range 1 at Benches #11-14) before being used on this range.
- Shooting into baffles or roof line is not allowed and violators may be subject to damage compensation.



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## **PISTOL/HANDGUN RANGE RULES – RANGE 3**

Open year round for open shooting by members and their guests unless closed for an event or maintenance. Shooting times are from sunrise, no earlier than 7:00 a.m., to sunset.

### **Approved Firearms**

Pistols or revolvers firing approved cartridges only (straight wall pistol cartridges only, up to a 500 Smith & Wesson or less only). The list of approved cartridges can be found in Appendix A. Maximum bullet velocity allowed on this range is 2,000 fps. Rim-fire (22 and 17 caliber) and air rifles are the only rifles allowed on this range. No shot shells are allowed on the pistol range including those fired from a revolver, single shot pistol or other handgun!

### **7-YARD PISTOL**

- The 7-yard pistol range is for close range shooting of pistols from approved cartridge list on page 10
- All shooting must be conducted from a safe shooting position directly behind approved firing line
- Targets must be placed on the target backer directly in front of berm
- No intermediate targets are allowed
- The 7-yard firing line for Range 3 may be observed and treated as a separate firing line from the rest of Range 3

### **15- & 25-YARD PISTOL RANGE**

- The 15- and 25-yard handgun range is to be treated as one single firing line, separate from the 7-yard range.
- All shooting must be conducted from a safe shooting position.
- Intermediate targets may be placed on the handgun range for air guns (up through .22 cal.) only.

Approved cartridges and new cartridges may change from time to time and can be found either on the website or on the information on Range 3. If you come across a cartridge in question, please contact the Safety and Rules Committee for a clarification.

## **RIFLE/HANDGUN – RANGE 4**

Only open for scheduled shooting events and practices supervised by an IKES Range Safety Officer and special rules apply.

- All Range Safety Officers managing this range must be pre-approved by Ike's Board of Directors
- The Ike's RSOs will contact the managers to schedule member practice times or matches
- Shooters must take extra care to ensure that every round goes into the berms.
- Do not shoot the short-range steel targets with center fire rifles as this will damage targets designed for handguns.
- All rifles/handguns used on this range must be verified by an approved Ike's Range Safety Officer
  - Approved firearm is properly sighted in
  - Approved shooter is capable of safely shooting long distances
- Some cartridges and firearms are restricted for use on this range

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## Range 3 Allowed Cartridges

<b>American Cartridges</b>	.41 Action Express
All .17 Rimfire	.44 Rimfire
.218 Bee	.44 Special
All .22 Rimfire	.44 Remington Magnum
.22 WMR	.44 Auto Magnum
.22 Rem-Jet	.44-40 Win
.22 Hornet	.44 Colt
.25 ACP	.44 Russian
.25-20 Win	.45 ACP
.256 Winchester	.45 GAP
.270 REN	.45 Auto Rim
.30 Carbine	.45 Colt
.30 Luger (7.65 Parabellum)	.45 S&W (Schofield)
.32 Rimfire	.454 Casull
.32 ACP	.455 Webley
.32 S&W Short and Long	.460 S&W
.32 Short and Long Colt	.475 Linebaugh
.32 H&R Magnum	.480 Ruger
30 Super Carry	500 GNR
.327 Federal	.500 S&W
.32-20 Win.	.50 Action Express
.357 Magnum	500 JRH
.357 Remington Maximum	500 Linebaugh
.357/44 Bain & Davis	500 Wyoming Express
.357 Sig	GNR Revolver Cartridges
.380 ACP aka 9x17 Kurz (Browning Short)	<b>Metric Cartridges</b>
.38 ACP aka .38 Auto	5.7x28 MM
.38 Super	7.62 Nagant
.38 S&W	7.63mm Parabellum (Luger)
.38 S&W Special	9x18 Makarov
.38 Short and Long Colt	9x19 Parabellum, 9 mm Luger, 9x19mm NATO
.38-40 Win.	9 mm Kurz aka 9 mm short aka .380 acp
.40 S&W	9 mm Nambu
.41 Rimfire	10 mm Auto
.41 Long Colt	10 mm Auto Magnum
.41 Remington Magnum	Muzzleloading handguns up to .70 Caliber

**Note 1:** If the Revolver or Pistol cartridge you are shooting is not on this list, please contact the Rifle and Pistol Committee, Rules and Safety Committee or management. This range is for common pistol and revolver cartridges and excludes common rifle cartridges fired in handguns such as the .223 Rem, 5.45x39mm, 7.62x39mm, .30-30 Win. and .45-70 Govt.

**Note 2:** Only .17 and .22 S., L. and L.R. and 5mm rimfire rifles and air rifles are allowed.

**Note 3:** Maximum muzzle velocity for this range is 2000 fps.

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## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, contact 911.**

Property Address: 10801 South 134<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bennet, NE 68317

When emergency vehicles are requested, ask another person on the range to go to the main gate to meet responders and guide them to the scene of the incident.

Once emergency help has been contacted, contact the Manager.

Craig / Natalie Keaschall 402.499.9767 / 402.560.7750

If unable to reach the Manager, notify:

Wes Sheets	402.440.7264
Nick Lind	402.466.0498
Jacob Lonkoski	402.540.9189

In case of minor injuries, there is a First Aid kit located at each range in the bulletin board boxes.